

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-01749

COUNSEL: NONE

OCT 09 1998

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He be reimbursed for expenses to move his sailboat under provisions of a Government procured movement (using the personally procured transportation method) vice a Eo-It-Yourself (DITY) move.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He was misinformed/counseled on the option to move his sailboat, in conjunction with his reassignment from [REDACTED] AFB to [REDACTED] AFB in August 1996. Although the paperwork reflects a DITY move, the shipment of his sailboat was contracted by him through a professional boat hauling company.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The relevant facts pertaining to this application, extracted from the applicant's military records, are contained in the letter prepared by the appropriate office of the Air Force. Accordingly, there is no need to recite these facts in this Record of Proceedings.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Chief, Traffic Management Division, HQ USAF/ILTT, stated that the applicant received Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders from [REDACTED] AFB, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] AFB, [REDACTED], on 29 July 1996. He requested that his sailboat, moored at [REDACTED], be picked up and taken to [REDACTED] for shipment to [REDACTED].

ILTT cited the pertinent paragraphs in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) authorizing the shipment, such as a boat, as a weight additive as part of the net weight of the shipment; providing for the movement of a boat under a domestic one-time-only (OTO) rate or under the DITY method; providing guidance on

arranging for transportation of Household Goods (HHG) at personal expense; and providing for a DITY move with payment of a monetary allowance.

ILTT stated that review of the circumstances surrounding the applicant's case reveals that he was counseled by the Traffic Management Office (TMO) at [redacted] AFB, [redacted] and that his orders only authorized the shipment of his boat/HHG from [redacted] to [redacted] AFB, [redacted]. It was during this interview that the applicant ostensibly mentioned he was interested in shipping the boat to [redacted] vice [redacted] AFB, [redacted]. If he elected to move the boat to [redacted] at government expense, he would be subject to excess costs. The option of either shipping the boat to [redacted] using the shipping documents prepared by [redacted] AFB using the OTO rate method or a DITY move was explained to the applicant. According to a DD Form 1299, Application For Shipment And/Or Storage of Personal Property, dated 30 July 1996, the applicant was willing to make his own arrangements to move the boat and did not want to perform a DITY move. However, records at [redacted] AFB contain a completed DD Form 2278, Application For Do-It-Yourself and Counseling Checklist, dated 13 August 1996, indicating the applicant's intent to move his boat using the DITY program. An estimated gross incentive of \$2,408, was calculated based on the weight of the boat, 8,600 lbs. moving from [redacted] AFB, [redacted]. The applicant received an advance operating allowance of \$1,806, a partial payment of the \$2,408 DITY incentive. He submitted a final travel voucher on 10 September 1996, and was paid the remaining amount of \$179.20 (after Federal tax) on 23 September 1996.

ILTT indicated that this is not the first time the applicant has moved the boat in question. He previously moved his boat from [redacted] to [redacted] AFB after his return from [redacted] in 1995.

ILTT stated that the applicant personally procured a professional boat hauling company to move his boat from [redacted] to [redacted] at a total cost of \$3,355, which included \$2,460 for hauling and \$895 for accessorial charges. Once the move was completed, the applicant finalized his Travel Voucher and collected the remaining DITY incentive owed him as indicated above (\$179.20). The remaining incentive paid did not include the \$895 accessorial charges as in accordance with the JFTR - these are non-reimbursable charges.

ILTT stated that in accordance with the JFTR and AFI 24-501, the applicant was paid a cash incentive of \$2,408 based on the weight of the boat at 8,600 lbs. for a DITY move from [redacted] to [redacted]. The accessorial charges claimed on the travel voucher were not reimbursed. The applicant is not requesting reimbursement for a self-procured transportation move which would entitle him to reimbursement for such costs not to exceed the cost which would have been incurred by the Government.

ILTT stated that after a thorough review of the records, they can find no evidence of miscounseling or an error on the part of the Government. Thus, ILTT recommended the application be denied (Exhibit C).

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to applicant on 27 April 1998 for review and response. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit D).

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
 2. The application was timely filed.
 3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable error or injustice. After a thorough review of the evidence of record and applicant's submission, we are unpersuaded that he should be reimbursed additional expenses for moving his sailboat. His contentions are duly noted; however, we do not find these assertions, in and by themselves, sufficiently persuasive to override the rationale provided by the Air Force. We therefore agree with the opinion and recommendation of the Air Force and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our decision that the applicant has failed to sustain his burden that he has suffered either an error or an injustice. Therefore, we find no compelling basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.
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THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

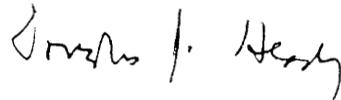
The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice; that the application was denied without a personal appearance; and that the application will only be reconsidered upon the submission of newly discovered relevant evidence not considered with this application.

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 11 August 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Mr. Douglas B. Heady, Panel Chair
Mr. Joseph G. Diamond, Member
Mr. Henry Romo Jr., Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 6 Jun 97, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, HQ USAF/ILTT, dated 14 Apr 98, w/atchs.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MIBR, dated 27 Apr 98.



DOUGLAS J. HEADY
Panel Chair